

## **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

### **Public Utilities Commission**

#### **Minutes of Open Meeting Held on August 2, 2001**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Douglas Hartley, and Donna Conway.

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the first floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

#### **Interexchange Carriers (IXCs):**

3366 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

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The above IXCs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3357 – Verizon Rhode Island:** The Company filed to implement a one-time Engineering Design Charge of \$225 for custom designed work (Special Construction.) The charge will apply when a customer requests for a special construction price quote and will be credited towards the total cost of the special construction if the job is ordered by the customer. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**2861 - Pascoag Fire District:** Review of Pascoag's request to maintain the current Standard Offer Service, Transmission and Transition charges in effect until February 1, 2002. Commissioner Racine moved to implement the following recommendations of the Division:

- Pascoag's current Standard Offer, Transition and Transmission rates remain in effect until January 31, 2002;
- Pascoag submits to the Commission and the Division, by mid-September 2001, a status report for the months of July and August, containing purchased power costs, kWh sales, revenue, and monthly and cumulative over/under-collection amounts;
- Pascoag monitors the status of purchased power cost recovery, and files with the Commission for a revision in the current rates if Pascoag deems such a filing

necessary to avoid what might be considered a significant over or under collection at the end of the current period; and

- Pascoag be required to apprise the Commission and the Division of any purchased power contracts entered into for both the remainder of the current period and for the year 2002.

Commissioner Gaynor seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Gaynor moved to require the utility to notify the Commission immediately of any over or under collection of 10% or more. Commissioner Racine seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

**3339 – Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Request to Remove Abandoned Railroad Crossing:** DOT sought an opinion as to whether Commission approval is required to remove an abandoned railroad crossing located about one-half mile southeast of New London Avenue on Sockanosset Cross Rd. The crossing is part of a railroad line that was previously abandoned by the ICC in 1991. The Division has reviewed the matter and filed a response indicating that the removal of the crossing is within Commission's authority under RIGL 39-8-1.1 and recommended DOT's request should be granted.

Commissioner Racine moved to accept the Division's recommendation. Commissioner Gaynor seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Racine acknowledged and thanked Al Mancini of the Division for his assistance to the Commissioners after the Kent County Water Authority hearing at West Warwick High School on the evening of August 1.

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.